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A RESOURCE MANAGER FOR PROVIDING USER-DEPENDENT ACCESS CONTROL

FOR A NETWORK OF CONSUMER ELECTRONIC DEVICES

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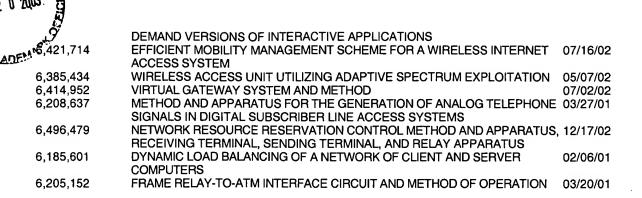
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The Examiner's attention is respectfully directed to the following U.S. Patents:

Pat. No.	Pat. Title	Grant Date
6,363,434	METHOD OF MANAGING RESOURCES WITHIN A NETWORK OF CONSUMER ELECTRONIC DEVICES	03/26/02
6,199,136	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR A LOW DATA-RATE NETWORK TO BE REPRESENTED ON AND CONTROLLABLE BY HIGH DATA-RATE HOME AUDIO/VIDEO INTEROPERABILITY (HAVI) NETWORK	03/06/01
6,233,611	MEDIA MANAGER FOR CONTROLLING AUTONOMOUS MEDIA DEVICES WITHIN A NETWORK ENVIRONMENT AND MANAGING THE FLOW AND FORMAT OF DATA BETWEEN THE DEVICES	05/15/01
6,434,447	CONTROLPROPERTY IS MAPPED MODALLY COMPATIBLE GUI ELEMENT	08/13/02
5,956,487	EMBEDDING WEB ACCESS MECHANISM IN AN APPLIANCE FOR USER	00/04/00
6,286,003	INTERFACE FUNCTIONS INCLUDING A WEB SERVER AND WEB BROWSER REMOTE CONTROLLING METHOD A NETWORK SERVER REMOTE	09/21/99 09/04/01
0,200,000	CONTROLLED BY A TERMINAL AND A MEMORY STORAGE MEDIUM FOR HTML FILES	09/04/01
6,195,680	CLIENT-BASED DYNAMIC SWITCHING OF STREAMING SERVERS FOR FAULT TOLERANCE AND LOAD BALANCING	02/27/01
5,671,225	DISTRIBUTED INTERACTIVE MULTIMEDIA SERVICE SYSTEM	09/23/97
6,005,861	HOME MULTIMEDIA NETWORK ARCHITECTURE	12/21/99
6,405,244	COMMUNICATION APPARATUS FOR RECEIVING DOWNLOADED PROGRAM DATA AND DATA DOWNLOAD METHOD	06/11/02
6,523,696	COMMUNICATION CONTROL DEVICE FOR REALIZING UNIFORM SERVICE PROVIDING ENVIRONMENT	02/25/03
5,838,921	DISTRIBUTED CONNECTION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM WITH REPLICATION	11/17/98
6,493,317	TRAFFIC ENGINEERING TECHNIQUE FOR ROUTING INTER-CLASS TRAFFIC IN A COMPUTER NETWORK	12/10/02
6,480,889	SCHEME FOR MANAGING NODES CONNECTED TO A HOME NETWORK ACCORDING TO THEIR PHYSICAL LOCATIONS	11/12/02
5,675,390	HOME ENTERTAINMENT SYSTEM COMBINING COMPLEX PROCESSOR CAPABILITY WITH A HIGH QUALITY DISPLAY	10/07/97
5,822,530	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROCESSING REQUESTS FOR VIDEO ON	10/13/98



The Examiner's attention is respectfully directed to the following Foreign Patents:

Pat. No.	<u>Pat. Title</u>	<b>Grant Date</b>
EP0837579A2	DATA TRANSFER CONTROL DEVICE, RELAY DEVICE AND CONTROL DEVICE	04/22/98
	SUITABLE FOR HOME NETWORK ENVIRONMENT	
WO97/09800	MODULAR COMMUNICATIONS AND APPLICATIONS CONTROL SYSTEM	03/13/97
EP0940959A1	ESTABLISHING CONNECTIONS BETWEEN REMOTE DEVICES WITH A	09/08/99
	HYPERTEXT TRANSFER PROTOCOL	
2 779 595	PROCEDE DE GESTION DE PRIORITES D'ACCES A DES RESSOURCES DANS	12/10/99
	UN RESEAU DOMESTIQUE ET APPAREIL DE MISE EN OEUVRE	

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Paskins, THE IEEE 1394 BUS, 1997, The Institution of Electrical Engineers

Igarashi, et al., HOME NETWORK FILE SYSTEM FOR HOME NETWORK BASED ON IEEE-1394 TECHNOLOGY, August 1999, IEEE Transactions on Consumer Electronics, Vol. 45, No.3

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